

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

The allowance of claims 1, 11, and 14 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claims 2-10 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 13 was rejected as obvious over Baba, U.S. Patent No. 6,071,755 in view of Tamaki, U.S. Patent No. 6,157,080 and in further view of Glenn, U.S. Patent No. 6,586,667. Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 13 calls for an insulation cap which includes a peripheral rim that receives the peripheral edge of the substrate "wherein adjacent vertical surfaces of said peripheral rim and said outer peripheral edge of said substrate have cooperating projections and depressions to define a mold lock."

It has been stated that Baba and Tamaki do not show "that the insulation cap's peripheral rim and outer peripheral edge of said substrate have cooperating projections and depressions to define a mold lock," but that Glenn shows "rims and substrate having cooperating projections and depressions to define" a mold lock.

Glenn, however, shows the insulation cap covering not only the top surface of the substrate, but also reaching the bottom surface as well. This design is undesirable in that mold compound which constitutes the insulation cap can creep under the substrate and cover the contents at the bottom surface thereof during fabrication.

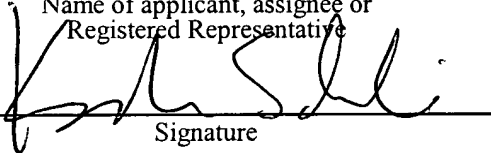
In a device according to the present invention the insulation cap is disposed at the top surface of the substrate, and includes a rim that receives the edge of the substrate, but does not reach the bottom surface of the substrate. As a result, coverage of the contacts at the bottom of the substrate by mold compound is avoided. Reconsideration of claim 13 is requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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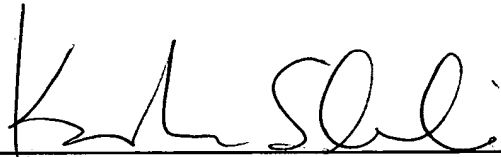

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